

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR  
JULY 16, 2020  
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JULY, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT                      COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT                      COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT  
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT                      COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT  
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso review the regular meeting agenda.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM R. BOWERS AND POLICE OFFICER HARRY J. PAUL:

Borough Attorney Ian Goldman administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers William R. Bowers and Harry J Paul.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:34 pm

Councilman DiMeo asked about the status of the building located at 6 Union Avenue.

Borough Attorney Ian Goldman responded that he emailed and mail a letter to the owner as well as the owner's engineer on April 14<sup>th</sup> and added he received no response. Mr. Goldman stated he followed up yesterday with another letter and added he hopes to have a response for the next council meeting.

Council President Oglesby questioned the height of the "No Parking" signs that are along Lake Horicon and Church Street. Mr. Oglesby stated some of the signs are too high and cannot be seen due to the tree branches blocking the view.

Councilman Lowe stated some of the signs are going to be replaced and added when Public Works put the new signs in place, he will have the height of the signs addressed.

Mayor Robbins reported there is an issue with regards to overcrowding at Lake Horicon adding that there are more "out of towners" than residents visiting the lake. Mayor Robbins stated he had spoken with Police Chief Kline in regard to options that can be taken. Mayor Robbins further stated one option would be to have badges adding the only issue with badges is charging a fee to non-residents and not charging a fee to residents. Mayor Robbins also stated Chief Kline will look at other municipalities that require badges at their beaches and how they collect fees. Mayor Robbins want on to say he had asked Borough Attorney Ian Goldman what the Borough's legal options are.

Mr. Goldman stated land held by a municipality for "parks purposes" is open to benefit all residents of New Jersey and that a fee schedule has to apply to everyone. Mr. Goldman also stated the borough can however implement a parking system for "residents only" by sectioning off certain parts of the parking lot during certain hours of the day for borough residents and added parking decals can be given to residents.

Mr. Oglesby stated the borough can have season badges and daily badges adding the residents can purchase a season badge which would be less expensive than a daily badge. Mr. Oglesby also stated the only problem is someone monitoring the beach for the different badges.

Police Chief Kline stated the crossing guards do not work during the summer season adding they could be "badge checkers".

Discussion continued on procedures that can be taken legally to prevent the overcrowding at the lake.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Robert McCarthy

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve minutes of June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Davis who abstained due to his absence at the June 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

### A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. #20-098: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #20-099: Resolution re: Equal Employment Opportunity
3. #20-100: Resolution re: Appointment of William R. Bowers as Police Officer
4. #20-101: Resolution re: Appointment of Harry J. Paul as Police Officer
5. #20-102: Resolution re: Hiring Gavin Cecchini as a Temporary Police Officer
6. #20-103: Resolution re: Lifeguard Salary
7. #20-104: Resolution re: Change Order for Willow Street Reconstruction Project
8. #20-105: Resolution re: Accepting Maintenance Bond and Release of Performance Bond for Water Main Replacement on Poplar Street, Myrtle Street, & Willow Street Phase I Project
9. #20-106: Resolution re: Accepting Maintenance Bond and Release of Performance Bond for the 2019 NJDOT Willow Street Reconstruction Project.
10. #20-107: Resolution re: Preliminary Costs for Water Sewer Replacement Project Phase II
11. #20-108: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Best Liquors of Lakehurst
12. #20-109: Resolution re: Renewal of liquor license for Lakehurst VFW Post 10061
13. #20-110: Resolution re: Requesting the Federal Government to Provide a New Veterans Administration Clinic in Ocean County
14. #20-111: Resolution re: Urging Governor Murphy to Restore Funding for the Homestead Benefit Program and the Senior Freeze Program

### ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK” (#2020-04)

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### INTRODUCTION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To approve Resolution #20-112 introducing 2020 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held.

All votes affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee will have an update on the AFSCME contract during closed session. Mr. Oglesby stated being a part of the Ordinance Committee, the first order of business will be Lake Horicon.

Councilman Lowe gave an update on Fuccile park stating the fence will be completed at the end of the month, bases and pitcher mound are in, and the grass for the soccer field is coming in nicely. Mr. Lowe also reported inspections for the fire trucks including pumps, hoses, and ladders, will be done the middle of next month.

Councilman McCarthy reported he received correspondence from the fire department in regard to the upgrade for their radios and their contribution of 50% from this year's budget adding he will speak with the CFO this week.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins reported the County Road Department will begin paving Myrtle Street this Monday and added he will be speaking with the county in regard to paving Brown Avenue from Route 37 to the railroad tracks.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 8:02 pm

Jean Rosetti, 800 Cedar Street, asked what the plan is for the former LaBove Grande building.

Mayor Robbins responded a senior daycare.

Ms. Rosetti questioned the menorah on the building adding will the daycare be opened for all people of all faiths.

Mayor Robbins responded the daycare will be opened to everyone and added it is a privately owned building.

Time closed: 8:03 pm

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

#### **PERSONNEL MATTERS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Gary Lowe

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:04 pm

Time out of closed session: 8:32 pm

Motion by: Brian DiMeo

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:32 pm

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Maryanne Capasso, RMC  
Municipal Clerk